



Sunny Start Family Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Date:	Thursday, June 17, 2010, 10:00-11:30
Location:	Riley Child Development Center – 8C
Committee Chair:	Mary Jo Paladino
List of Participants:	Darla Cohen, , Karen Kaser, Mary Jo Paladino, Cathy Beard, Rebecca Kirby , Cristy James, Staff: Rylin Rodgers
Attachments	EPDST Fact Sheet

Summary of meeting:

Early Childhood Meeting Place

The group suggested that IIDC consider adding a “Family Learning Opportunities” button to the Family Resources section.

- This button or category would link to all items on the events calendar that included family as an intended audience.
- Also consider a similar button on the main events calendar page
- Would improve the family experience and prevent family trainings from being lost
- opportunities would include: workshops, conferences and classes
- Follow up with In*Source and PERK to make sure they are posting

It was suggested that IIDC implement a strategy to maintain site (ask at least annually) to ensure resources are current and accurate

The group ask that IIDC remove the marketing materials category.

Concern was expressed about the News for Professionals on the home page, group members stressed the importance of criteria of news and judgment.

A section for career opportunities was suggested as a way to generate income.

Please Include the Following Categories for Resources:

Child Care & Early Education

Child care, education, intervention and other learning programs for young children in your community

Missing some First Steps and Head Start, Early Head Starts (make sure counties are listed), missing parents as teachers, missing early childhood special education/ school based preschool, Library programs may be listed here, Adult and me programs may be listed here

Health & Safety

Health providers and resources to keep your child healthy and safe

Have health plan, checklist, Emergency Information Card, Car Seats, Safety Store, helmet/bike , medical providers, medical therapy, behavioral therapy, ABA , emergency serves , nutrition

Parenting and Family Support

Connect to a variety of supports, learning opportunities and resources for families including those focusing on disabilities and medical needs. All support group, parenting classes, support organizations

Community Resources

Information about meeting your families basic needs including; Food Clothing and Shelter
Health Insurance, and other supplemental programs

Special Needs

Consider including an auto link to ASK directory, list other statewide organizations

Fact Sheets

The group approved the EPDST fact sheet (with a typo noted)

Next Steps

An email request for feedback will be sent to the group after the new website has been live for a month.

